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QUESTIONS



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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby provides the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98

Copies of the following items are provided:

- (1) (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,519,608  
METHOD FOR EXTRACTING FROM A TEXT CORPUS ANSWERS TO  
QUESTIONS STATED IN NATURAL LANGUAGE BY USING LINGUISTIC  
ANALYSIS AND HYPOTHESIS GENERATION  
Patentee: Julian M. Kupiec  
Granted: May 21, 1996
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,696,962  
METHOD FOR COMPUTERIZED INFORMATION RETRIEVAL USING  
SHALLOW LINGUISTIC ANALYSIS  
Patentee: Julian M. Kupiec  
Granted: May 8, 1996
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,884,302  
SYSTEM AND METHOD TO ANSWER A QUESTION  
Patentee: Chi Fai Ho  
Granted: March 16, 1999

- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,933,822  
APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR AN INFORMATION RETRIEVAL  
SYSTEM THAT EMPLOYS NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING OF  
SEARCH RESULTS TO IMPROVE OVERALL PRECISION  
Patentee: Lisa Braden-Harder  
Granted: August 3, 1999
- (5) "INFORMATION EXTRACTION SUPPORTED QUESTION ANSWERING"  
Rohini Srihari and Wei Li, October 15, 1999

For the convenience of the Examiner, the PTO-1449 is attached. Once the above items are considered by the Examiner, it is requested that an Examiner-initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

The examination and allowance of the Application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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